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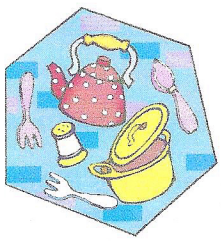

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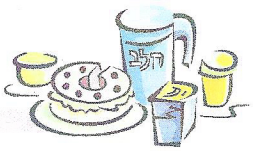

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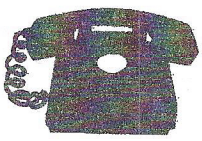

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Dear Editor

We have a fairly small open front garden at our house in Appletrees and each year we arrange in it a display of Christmas lights and decorations. It is a real pleasure to hear the comments and delight from the many small children who pass by with or without their parents. That is, until Friday 12th December when we came home late in the evening to discover the whole lot completely trashed and broken up, even the wheelie bin had been upended. The initial feeling of personal invasion of our property was quite indescribable, a feeling ultimately leading to anger and frustration.

Not only were we left with the mess to clear up but those responsible had ripped out rope lights which caused electrical damage inside the house and left exposed live wiring outside - sadly it would appear that none of them had been electrocuted. The danger to anyone else of course remained until we returned home to deal with it.

Why do people find it necessary to do such things? What kind of people are responsible? I have lived in Bar Hill all my life and this is the first time I have felt ashamed of the village and considered moving elsewhere.

We are under no illusions that those responsible will read this, far less feel any remorse for their actions; so what is the point of this letter you may ask?

Well, firstly, simply to 'get it off our chests' and secondly by way of explanation to the children who may have wondered why our display effectively disappeared overnight some two weeks earlier than would have been expected. Also we wish to thank the family that came round with a gift and card to say how sorry they were that 'horrible people' had destroyed our display, a display which they had enjoyed. That act of kindness restored our faith in Christmas, but sadly not in Bar Hill.

Kate & Ant

Dear Editor

As a compiler/contributor to the puzzle page of the BHN, the inclusion of Theodore GERICAULT (1791-1827) in the issue No 458 is worthy of a status of Famous Artist. A guide to 'difficulty level' to suit all of the village would be hard to establish. Please let me know how, through these columns.

Brian Halls

65 Watermead

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are normally held on a Monday at the Parish Offices at 8 pm. The next meeting will be on 9 March.

Dear Editor

I was astounded, if not shocked, to read in the Bar Hill News (Issue 460 February 2009) that Tesco has been given planning permission to erect two wind turbines at their site in Bar Hill.

Now, I would be the first to admit that I don't read the local papers or keep up to date with all the planning permission applications that the South Cambridgeshire District Council issues. However, I would have thought that two wind turbines at the entry to Bar Hill village on the Tesco site would have been of interest to all that live on Bar Hill. I really do not relish the prospect of coming home every night after work to see these two horrible monstrosities! What makes South Cambridgeshire District Council planners think that I, or anyone else who lives here, do?

I would have also thought that the households nearest this area (whom the Parish Council now think, a little late, may have a problem with the noise) should have been consulted and have agreed to this planning application long before any planning permission had been granted. Can I also ask, do any of the Planning Department of the District Council actually live on Bar Hill? Or are they part of the "not in my back yard" brigade?

Bar Hill is already known as "the place where the big Tesco's is." Am I now going to have to put up with "Oh, the place with the wind farm on it"? I realise that to the District Council we are only considered as cash cows and what we think is not really important but whatever next will Tesco and their "friendly, keep it hush hush" District Council want? A Tesco lorry park, a Tesco distribution centre, a Tesco airport! Why stop there? Why not re-name Bar Hill as TESCO TOWN!!

In summary, was anyone on Bar Hill, especially those near the proposed eyesores asked before the Council in their infinite wisdom gave permission? What size are these things actually going to be? Why does Tesco want them? Please don't insult me by telling me that Tesco wants them in order to be "Environmentally Friendly": they didn't worry about this when they built stores on every bit of land they could lay their hands on. This is obviously to make Tesco and maybe some others even more money. Why on earth do the District Council think we (the people who actually live here) want these things? Finally, why doesn't the Parish Council have a back bone and say NO to these things. Don't forget once they're up, they're up.

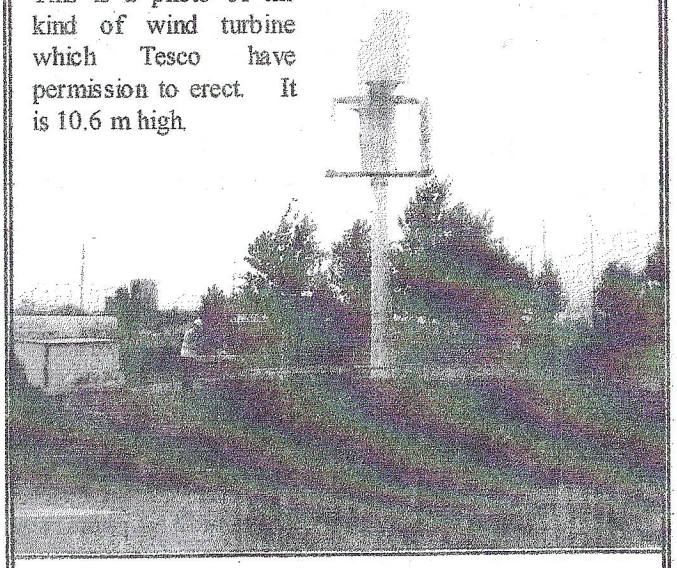
It's probably too late now, let's face it the "deal" has been done but I for one do not want these things on my doorstep and I would therefore ask anyone who feels the same to also voice their opinion. I will be sending this letter to the District Council, Parish Council and the Bar Hill News. It will be interesting to see if anybody will offer any feed back to my comments.

Mr G Caswell

25 Field View

More letters on page 4—wind turbines continued....

This is a photo of the kind of wind turbine which Tesco have permission to erect. It is 10.6 m high.



6kw Ropatec Turbine installed at Tesco Oldham Chadderton

Residents may be interested to know that the Parish Council did oppose the wind turbines, objecting "due to visual impact and noise pollution to nearby residents". The Parish Council, unfortunately, does not have the final say in planning matters – that is down to the District Council.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman Parish Council

Dear Editor

Leaving aside Rod Bishop's snide, personal remarks about Michael Boughton-Fox as it's none of my business, I must comment on other points he raised in his letter.

At the risk of repeating myself, as I have said before, neither the Parish Council nor I have a problem with criticism or comments from residents. All I ask is that they get the facts first - a concept that Rod Bishop seems unable to grasp.

His claim that he, and he alone, has been responsible for keeping the issue of the Information Centre/ Barber's Shop site development at the top of the Parish Council agenda is, quite honestly, utter nonsense. I have been a Parish Councillor for nearly six years and this has been a main agenda item at every full Parish Council meeting and would have been with or without his illinformed letters to the Bar Hill News.

Believe it or not Rod Bishop I too, along with the rest of the Parish Council, am also glad to see the near completion of the project and the back of the InformationCentre/Barber's Shop, and the improvement in appearance at the entrance to the village.

John Doland
Robin Close

Dear Editor

A BUDGET TO SUPPORT CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S COMMUNITIES

The budget set last month by Cambridgeshire County Council will see millions of pounds invested in services to help the community's most vulnerable members and improve road safety.

These priorities for investment have been set following extensive public consultation and include an extra £5.3 million into children services, an extra £5.8 into adult services and an extra £3.8 million into highway and access, as well as further help for communities during the recession.

The Council has also listened to parish councils and residents who want to see more investment in maintaining roads and footpaths. An extra £2 million is being invested over two years on road safety and maintenance schemes.

More than £18 million of efficiency savings have been made, the majority of which will be reinvested in support for vulnerable adults and children. The budget will increase Council Tax for 2009/10 by 3.9 per cent. The increase means that the council tax on an average band D property will increase by 73 pence per week, or £38 a year.

We have held roadshows and public meetings on setting our budget and we were left in no doubt what people want. We have a duty to help our communities through this recession while at the same time provide and protect the services they are going to most need. These are the same services which will have more calls on them than ever before. We have set a well balanced, credible and achievable budget which reflects the needs and requests of the communities we serve. There is major investment and major efficiency savings in this budget which will deliver real improvements and help for our citizens.

I am available for consultation by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be contacted at the address or telephone number below.

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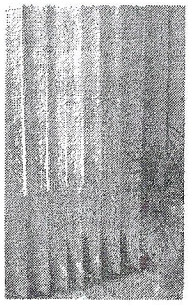

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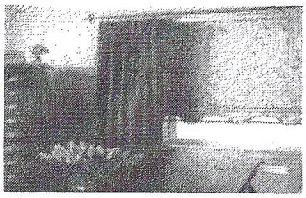

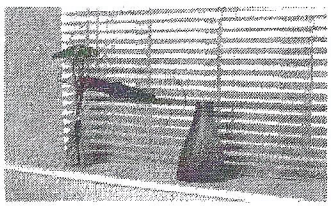

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Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 to 9 pm.

Free Open Nights

The Club is opening for 3 nights, 7 – 9 pm on 20th, 21st & 22 April 2009 and would like to encourage any one who feels that they would like to have a go at tennis but perhaps has not been brave enough to come to our normal Club nights, to come and give it a try. More experienced players are very welcome to come to this session too as an introduction to the Club. **Remember the nights are free.**
See you there!!

News

- AGM: This will be held at 8.00 pm on **Monday 16th March** in the Studio Community room at Bar Hill School and everyone is welcome to attend. Please let any of the current committee members know if you are interested in playing a part in the running of the club.
- Competitive Tennis: Last year, we fielded Men's & Mixed teams in the Cambridge & District LTA League. We shall be entering teams again, so if you are interested in playing, please tick the box below and return the slip to any Committee member (see below)
- Coaching – we would like to offer professional Coaching sessions to both adult & juniors if there is enough interest. If you are interested please let John Suchocki know as soon as possible.

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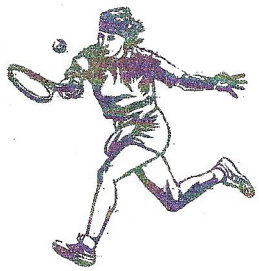

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Plans for 2009

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We are now planning events for the year. **Coffee mornings**, which are well supported, will continue on the first Thursday of each month from 10 am to noon. We shall have a **bumper bookstall** at the Village Fête in July. Our first talk is now arranged, and there will be other events to follow. Family history advice continues to be available on the third Thursday of each month. Libraries are of course about reading too: there are now two **Reading Circles** meeting every month, one of them in the library.
All our events are open to everyone – you don't have to be a Member to join in. Do watch out for what we are doing and come along.
Alan Maskell of The Blue Cross will come to talk to us on **16 April at 7 pm**. His subject will be about their work with cats. The next coffee morning will be on **5th March at 10 am**.

Sheila Mason

BAR HILL COLTS F.C

Well, I'm sure it's been the talking point of the last few weeks…**THE WEATHER!**

It has been frustrating for all of our teams to have so many games called off week after week due to the conditions. Even some training sessions have had to be cancelled!

To make sure all the games are completed some teams will have to play some mid week games so leagues can be finished. Our teams doing so well in the cup is also having a knock on effect on the league games schedule.

Under 11's march on in Cup

Unfortunately, again due to weather, our usual pitch was waterlogged so we played on the bigger school pitch for the first time. It took some time for the boys to adjust and found themselves 3 goals down after 20 minutes. However, the lads began to cope better and a minute before half time a double from **Jack Humphreys** brought the team back into the game. The second half saw the boys take control with further strikes from **Adam Cheesley** and **Kienan Naylor. Jack Humphreys** completed his hat trick to ensure the team march into the next round

Final Score - Bar Hill 5 Sawston 3

Matt and Andy's Under 7 Bullets have a busy time with friendlies most Saturdays and the Spring Festival on 25 April and 2 May – good luck girls and boys.

BULLDOGS WINNING WAYS…

A fantastic performance by the team gave a much-needed win over Godmanchester B. With a couple of debut performances - **Craig Burch** as an attacking midfielder and **Scott Bladen** in goal who kept a clean sheet and **Jason Churchley's** first game as captain. **Chester Cooke** scored the only goal of the first half when he lobbed the goalie from 20 yards for a spectacular goal. The second half saw the team play with freedom before **Joel Saul** who was as combative as usual in midfield and topped his performance off with an excellent goal. **Alex Willis** completed the scoring with two quality strikes. Even the spectators commented on the quality of the goals scored - a great performance after an extended break from training and matches due to the poor weather conditions.

Score-Bar Hill 4 Godmanchester 0

RANGERS FIGHT BACK

Chatteris surprised the table-toppers by scoring two early goals.

However, some great passing down the left hand side **John Clarke- Hassell** crossed the ball to **Matt Childs** who found the back of the net. Before halftime Chatteris extended the lead. The second half saw the Rangers come out with the bit between their teeth, forcing Chatteris to play football in their own half. Eventually, **Dan Paine** pulled a goal back and with five minutes remaining **Matt Childs** levelled the scores. Drama in the final minute saw **Dan Swanser's** shot being deflected into the bottom corner to win the match for the Rangers and keep them top of the table.

Man of the match: **Joel Finbow**

A BIG THANKS

To **Nigel Barber** and **Paul Thorby** for clearing the snow during early February to make it possible for all our teams to train on the Astro.

Another team for the Girls?

As featured above we do have **Philippa Hayden-Evans** and **Teegan Hayden-Smith** playing in a mixed Under 9s team. However **Anna Bacon** of the Under 10s is in her last season being allowed to play in a mixed team.

For these reasons Bar Hill Colts are looking to introduce a new **ALL GIRLS** team, to give the current girls a place to play and also encourage more girls to participate ir football. So far I have been appointed by Cambs FA (as a level 2 coach) to go into the Primary School and give two taster days for years 4 and 5 girls, hoping to encourage them to have training after school - also with me - for a six-week period.

The sessions will commence at 3.20 pm on the Astro on Monday 2 March – so watch this space.

HOWEVER, the girls will need a coach and manager to take over the reins after the 6 weeks. Anyone interested should contact myself or the Club Secretary – Paul Neal - on 01954 205076

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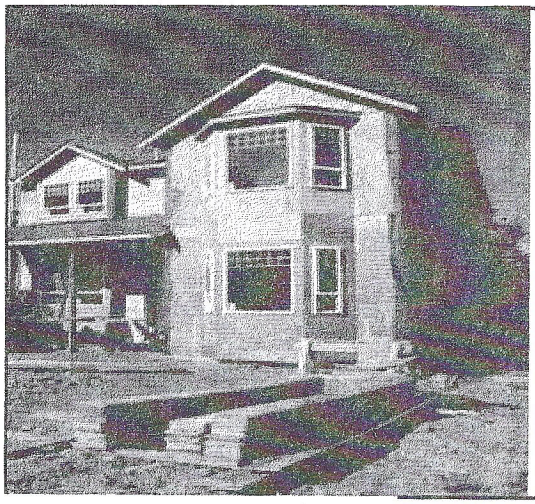

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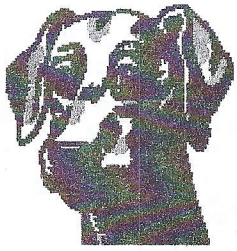

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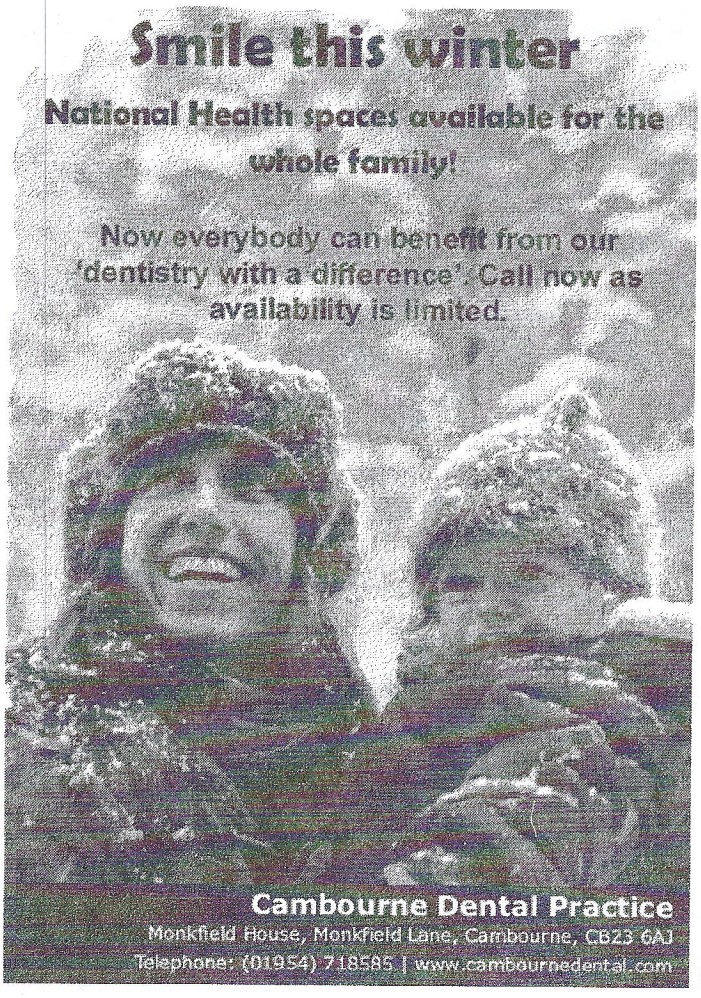
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8 o'clock Club

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5 March My secret kitchen – tickets on sale for birthday party
2 April Birthday party – members only

Future dates:

7 May	Talk about Royston Caves
4 June	Minimisation and recycling
2 July	Garden Party

If you would like any further information or would like to join please phone Barbara on 204171, Adela on 204265 or come along to one of our meetings.

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11 March	Black bin
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1 April	Green bin and boxes

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

There is a waiting list for membership of the allotment society but anyone interested is invited to contact Keith Morris on 782441. Any other allotment matters should be addressed to bhallotment@hotmail.com in the first instance.
As a result of hard work by a few members of the Society we again have a couple of plots available to let. Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce should contact Keith Morris on 01954-782441.

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Farmland Birds

Farmland Birds will be the topic of the next meeting of the Wildlife Trust, Huntingdon Area Group, on Wednesday 11th March 2009 at 7.30 pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton.
Our guest speaker will be Paul Bellamy, who is a local ecologist and ornithologist, working at Monks Wood from 1990 to 2009. During this time Paul has looked at the effects of change in land use on biodiversity. This has included looking at the effects of habitat fragmentation on woodland birds and comparing small farm woods with larger nature reserves. Another aspect of Paul's work has centred on the effectiveness of agri-environment schemes and the effects of growing biomass crops.
Concentrating on the arable systems of eastern England, Paul will explain how historical changes in farming practices have affected bird populations and how current trends may affect farmland birds in the next few years.
Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend. Admission: £2.00 members; £2.50 non-members. Please visit the web site for more information www.wildlifetrust-huntsareagroup.org.uk/ or contact George on 01480 450809.

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Brownies are 7-10 year old girls
Guides are 10-14 year old girls

Where and When we meet?

Monday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Tuesday: **Brownies** 6.30-8.00 pm at Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Guides** 7.30-9.00 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Thursday: **Brownies** 5.45-7.15 pm at The Studio, Bar Hill School

Our volunteer leaders put together exciting programmes for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Leaders are 18 plus – New adults always welcome!!!

100 YEARS OF GUIDING.... ***fast approaching....***

Our centenary is fast approaching and beginning later on this year there will begin a year-long celebration of guiding. There are fantastic opportunities for all sections – it will be an amazing time to be part of Girlguiding UK – ***COME ON JOIN THE FUN!***

2nd Bar Hill Brownies

We have been doing our Environment badge led by Lisa Taylor, one of our Brownie mums. We are having a great time learning about different subjects to do with the Environment such as water conservation and energy.

Our Changing the world Challenge is for the World Wide Fund for Nature. We are designing our own Bags for Life and will enter them in a competition. More information can be found on http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/changingtheworld/ More news on this to follow in the coming months!

We have started our World Guiding badge and will be learning about the four World Guiding Centres after half term; celebrating Thinking Day with international activities and learning about guiding around the world. Later in the term we will be joining with the other units in Great Ouse Division for an International Day.

If you would like to join us contact Philippa Gebrekiros – 01954 270275 – email pah41@cam.ac.uk

DOGS

The Parish Council has received complaints from several residents that some owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. Please use the dog bins placed around the village—allowing your dog to foul the grassed areas is putting children's health at risk.

BAR HILL SCHOOL

Christmas is always a magical time in the infants, and this year was no exception. We started December off with our Nativity Concert named Rock the Cradle. The children performed fantastically and all sung their little hearts out. I don't think there was a dry eye in the church!

Next came a week of excitement kicking off with a visit from Santa who brought an array of gifts for each class. The children also enjoyed giving and receiving Christmas cards and a delicious Christmas Dinner cooked by our chef and served to them by the staff.

Finally there was the Christmas party in which years 1 and 2 enjoyed games and music. Everyone went home excited at the promise of presents and family fun, and now we are back anticipating the new term with enthusiasm.

The spring term should be an exciting one for our area: we have a visit to Stibbington to look forward to, where we can dress up and live a day as Victorian children. This ties in nicely with our topic this term which is mainly about Victorian life.

If you have any books or resources we could use please feel free to drop them off at the school; we promise to take good care of anything lent to us.

Claire Higgins
Area Leader, Infants

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We finalised the total of the Poppy Appeal at **£8386.55**: a very good sum considering the difficult times just now.

At the County Conference we were awarded the runner up certificate again for the second highest amount raised per head of the population, again being beaten by Barrington.

So far we have three social evenings arranged this year: Barbecue 8th June, Barbecue 12th September and Ploughman's 24th October, all at 24 Gladeside.

Our meetings are held in the Octagon on the 4th Thursday of the month at 8 pm. New members are always welcome.

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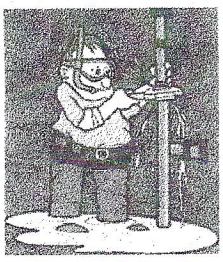

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The guests who have been before have been mostly from our "Knit & Natter" group but also other Bar Hill residents, and their friends. As with Knit and Natter it is open to all whether you are a church goer or have a faith or not. All are welcome. We have enough volunteer helpers [or crew] so that there is 1:1 help when necessary.

For the week we try to transform our Church buildings into a cruise ship called the 'Good Ship Octagon' so that the guests "feel" that they are miles away and beyond their usual routine. From the moment they arrive at the "Ship" their every need is met. Starting with coffee and biscuits in the morning to a home cooked lunch at lunch time and finishing with a traditional afternoon tea. We hope it feels like a holiday without all the hassle, and going home to a familiar bed.

Previously we have had more interest from our ladies than from the men, although not altogether. This year we are going to have one day specifically focused on the interests of the men. Special events and activities are being planned and we would love to encourage the gentlemen to come along and give it a try.

The cost for this event is modest and for the three days is £15 plus a small charge for the outing at the end of the week. If this is new to you, you may have many questions you want answering before you commit yourself. I will be very happy to speak to anyone who is considering coming along. It may be that readers know of a friend or neighbour for whom this would be suitable. Please pass on the message and contact me for further details and a Booking Form to reserve a place.

Hoping to hear from you -

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COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre-school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 10 am to 11.30 am. The price of £1.80 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 201739 for more details.

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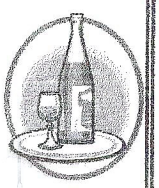

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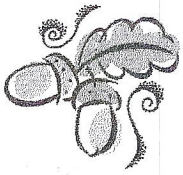

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We will be holding regular open days at the start of each term for our new starters (who will receive an invitation nearer the time). If you are interested in coming to look around too, please phone us to book your place, or if you would like us to send you some information and a registration form. Alternatively you may prefer to e-mail us at s.gedny@ntlworld.com

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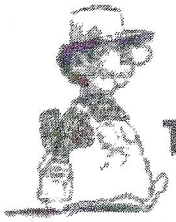

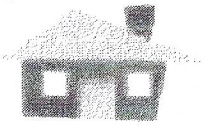

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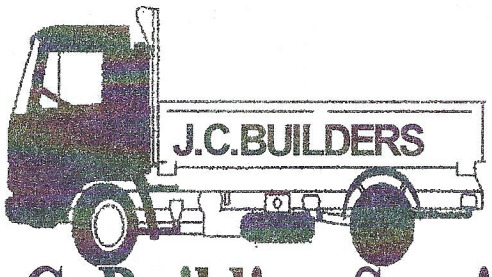

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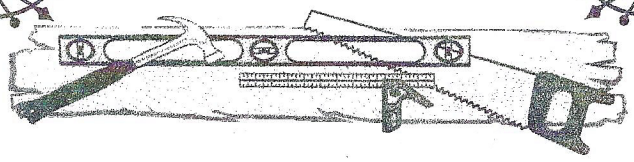

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MEDICINAL ANAGRAMS- 002

Re-arrange the letter clues to form NINE MEDICINAL WORDS in the grid—reading left to right—in alphabetical order

1 NEAR IN LAD
2 I INDICATE
3 ICE TIPPLE
4 LAZE ON FUN
5 RUE A ALIGN
6 A POET SHOT
7 NAN CRY PEG
8 SLIM TAUNT
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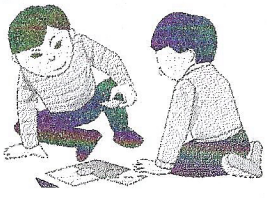

Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).

The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.

For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Lisa on 201902.

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Closing date for entries is Friday 17th April.

Judging will be done by a committee of Swavesey Camera Club members. Certificates and prizes will be awarded for first place in each class and the runner up. Prints for competition can be sent or delivered to Sue Tait, 120 Boxworth End, Swavesey CB24 4RA, to arrive no later than Friday 17th April

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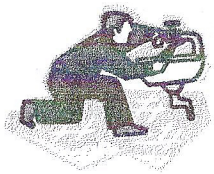

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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

For all you regular walkers out there
The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Police Surgery
The Police Surgery will be taking place on Wednesday 18th March so if you feel you have an issue please come along between 10 am and midday and talk to our local PCSO.

Litter Picking Day
It's that time of year again. I thought I would give you all plenty of notice as we had such a great turn out last year. This year's Litter Picking Day will take place on Saturday 4th April at 10 am outside the Parish Council office. Picking sticks, gloves and bin liners will be provided: all you have to do is provide an hour of your time!

Parish Council Meetings
The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 19th March at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

There is a vacancy for a Councillor. Closing date for applications is 31 March, so if you would like to have a say in what goes on in the village and feel that you could commit a couple of evenings a month to attend meetings, and the occasional site visit to try to solve problems, then please apply in writing to the Parish Council Office. Contact details are as above, or by letter/visit at the Parish Council Office, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. If you are interested but unsure what is involved, the Clerk will be happy to discuss with you the duties of a Councillor. The Office is open from 10 am to 12 noon Monday to Thursday, but an appointment could be made at another mutually convenient time.

Bar Hill The Playstation Out of School Club

SPARC Building, Gladeside
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We are situated in a purpose built building next to the School, with direct access from the playground. We provide Childcare for children aged 4-11 in a safe and caring home-from-home environment, with trained and experienced staff.

Our sessions provide the children with a wide range of activities from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft, and lots more or, if they wish, they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We can also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor activities.

During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc – as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

Session Times
After School 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday
School Holidays 8.15 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday
Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring
These rooms are now available for hire to the community, at the discretion of the Committee. If you would like to hire The Playstation rooms please contact Patsie on 201079. If you would like to hire the pre-school room please contact Janine Swanser on 203095 or 07851803083. The kitchen and garden areas may also be hired out for an additional charge.

The current charges are:

	Charge/hour	Fixed price
Little Acorns main room	£7.50	
Playstation main room	£7.50	
Kitchen		£10
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There is a minimum hire charge of £25.

We currently have some vacancies, both after school and during the holidays. If you would like more information, an information pack or to arrange a visit, call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

Patsie Ostler
Bar Hill Out Of School Club

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Door Key ... Christmas Eve about 7 pm in The Spinney, Bar Hill. It has a Girls'/Ladies' name on a lovely pink key ring with a verse about her. Also is another key ring attached with a picture of very famous waterfall.
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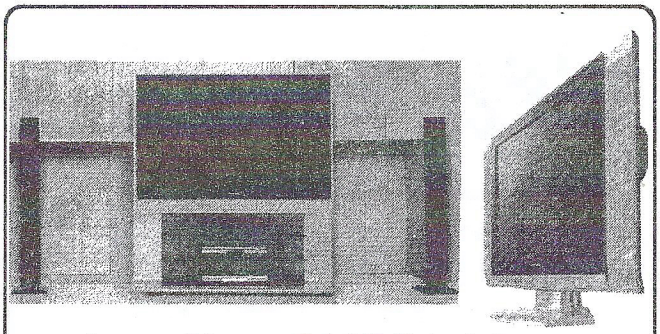

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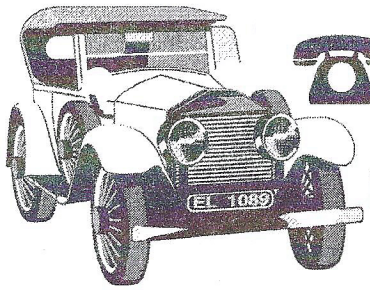

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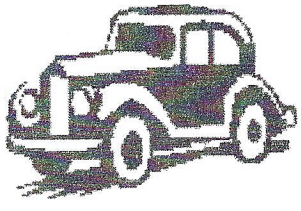

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Report by County Councillor John Reynolds

There was no Council meeting during January but there were two Cabinet meetings. At the first the extension of the school age range at Cottenham Village College was up for approval. Technically the Cabinet had no power to block this change but the proposal is good and the focus on a vocational sixth form will allow the school to differentiate itself from others in the area. The second Cabinet meeting addressed the budget for 2009/10: the report will go to the full Council on the 12th February.

Environment and Community Services

The A14 development is moving back towards centre stage and the Highways Agency made a brief presentation at CCC before the Growth and Environment Policy Development Group meeting. I made many detailed points supporting the concerns of local residents including noise and pollution.

I was able to attend the South Cambs AJC. Progress with respect to the HCV parking ban: we must find a way of speeding up matters that affect the villages. The programme to reconsider the strategic freight routes in the County should ensure that local roads are not a natural choice for Northstowe etc construction traffic.

Children's Services

Note that there was an article in the CEN suggesting that a broad range of school upgrades were being axed because of a lack of funding. This is not correct although there has been some re-prioritisation.

Corporate Services

The Appointments Committee continues to meet to agree and implement the new Council structure. We have now agreed the job specs etc of all the new Directors (strategic, service and corporate).

Yours

John Reynolds

County Councillor: John Reynolds, 4 Hollytrees, Bar Hill, CB23 8SF.
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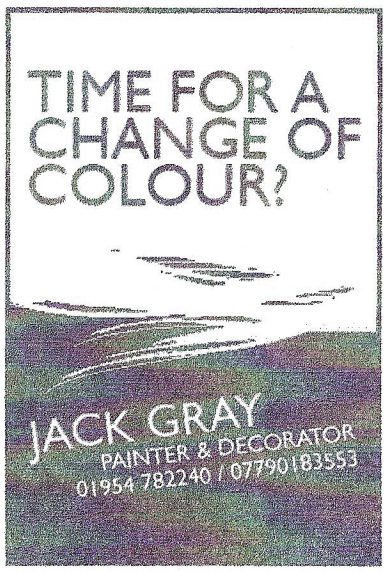

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The aim of Bar Hill Pre-School is to provide high quality care and education by focusing on each individual child's ability, encouraging their development through Birth to Three matters and progressing to the foundation stage curriculum.

Our main emphasis is learning through play.

Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED. Our experienced, qualified Early Years team Sonya, Karen, Sarah, Pauline, Jacqui, Emma, Clare and Claire supervise our sessions.

Our Key worker system enables the early years team to meet the needs of each individual child through planning their own individual educational plan and next steps.

Subsidised places

We offer reduced sessions rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from your employer.

Early Years Funding

We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday

This is our session for babies to Pre-School with Emma our Birth to Three Co-ordinator. We have lots of fun and a large selection of activities, including our new soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Session Times

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00 (rising fives)

We offer a lunch club 11.30 - 12.30 daily

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 during session times or feel free to pop in and see us.

Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

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And	Karate	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Friday	Noah's ark (multi-birth club) 10.00 am - 12 noon	
And	Tae Kwan Do (martial arts) 6 pm—9 pm	
Saturday	Tae Kwan Do (martial arts) 10 am—12 noon	
Sunday	Bingo—7 pm—9.30 pm	

You can join The Bar Hill Sports & Social Club on the Top Floor at the hall, were you can watch LIVE SPORTS on T.V. Play pool, Darts, Skittles and Cribbage. There is a varied selection of Live MUSIC (see club notices), or just enjoy a quiet drink in the comfortable surroundings. Membership is £8.00 per year and only £1.00 if you are 60 years young.
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Iain Martin

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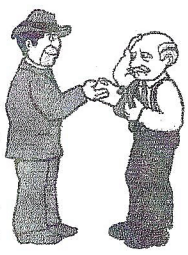
5th March Children's Books – Talk about your favourite Venue: Julie's
19th March Planning for the Area Meeting on 28th March Venue: Karen's
2nd April General Planning Meeting – with Indian nibbles and discussion on the Indian economy – and in true NWR tradition a glass of wine

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1.00 to cover costs. All women are welcome.
If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Heather Wheeler on 781208 or Marie-Therese Last on 780329. We can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk it really is worth a look!

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ROGER HALL AND BUNTY WATERS

BE AWARE

Conmen pretending to be South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) officers are working their way around the district asking local residents for cash and encouraging them to disclose personal information. In two cases young men with clipboards approached dog walkers in Bar Hill and Haslingfield and tried to falsely fine them £1,000 for dog fouling. In the Melbourn and Bassingbourn area a driver was pulled over and told to turn around due to road closures, which were clearly not in place. A gentleman litter picking was stopped by two men and asked for personal details. He was told he had been reported to the council for fly tipping. A third case in this area involved a dog walker who was also asked for personal details. He was told his road would be closing and the council needed to use his garden to store equipment.



In each case the conmen have been wearing high visibility yellow jackets and driving an unmarked white van or an unmarked white pick-up truck. We would encourage all residents to take extra care. Always ask for identification and be especially wary if you are asked for money.
Genuine council officers will always show people their identification. If anyone is suspicious about the identity of someone claiming to be from SCDC they should call the council on 08450 450 500 for confirmation.

Update on SCDC

We are entering a rewarding phase of our improvement journey, with the hard work of councillors and staff paying dividends, showing real improvements in the way we manage things here at South Cambs. Progress has been made in many areas: in leadership - the IdeA has provided huge support in mentoring, through the places on the Leadership Academy and through member training. In the council itself we have seen improvements in forward planning and performance management systems.
Strengthening scrutiny is an important part of the improvement journey and we are definitely seeing results now. Orchard Park is just one example. Councillors are committing their time and energy, adding value to the work of the Council and being the critical friend to the Cabinet. Should you need to discuss any issue these are our contact details: Roger Hall 780304 or email roger.hall90@ntlworld.com
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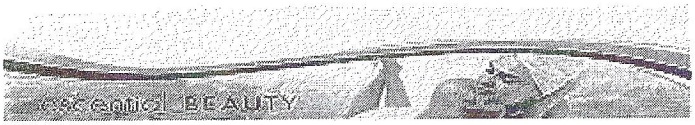

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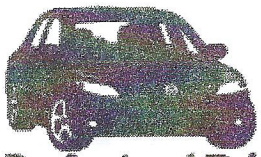

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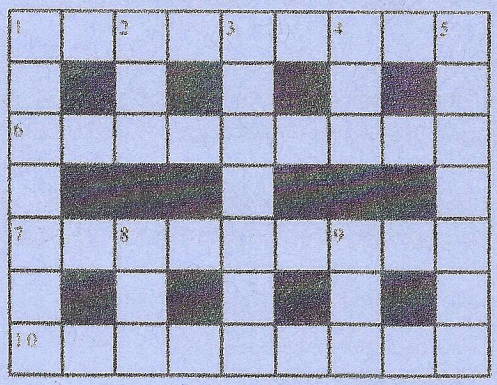

Clues for March

Across, 1. Accuracy. 6. Eugene, French artist 1798-1863. 7. Layers, eg melamine. 10. Save discarded material.

Down 1. Hawks. 2. long thin fish. 3. Holy smoke. 4. Nigerian tribe. 5. Most important connections. 8. Flightless bird. 9. Ewe.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church -

Services for March 2009

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sun 1st	10 am	Holy Communion (Methodist) *Ezekiel*
	6:30 pm	The NEWS (New Evening Worship Service)
Sun 8th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship *Daniel*
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 15th	10 am	Holy Communion (URC) *Haggai*
	6:30 pm	Creative Prayer
Sun 22nd	10 am	All-Age Worship *Mothering Sunday*
	6:30 pm	Holy Communion
Wed 25th	10 am	Holy Communion
Sun 29th	10 am	Morning Worship (Nehemiah)
	6:30pm	Holy Communion

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass on Saturday evening at 6.00 pm in the Octagon

People to contact:

The Minister	Rev Ruth Adams	Tel: 789369
Church Centre Manager	Helen Cook	Tel/Fax: 206120

.Websitewww.barhillchurch.com

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs
Hills Road, Cambridge
(The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr Tony Rogers	Tel: 01223 350787
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop and Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday	8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday	6 pm First Mass of Sundays

Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

WHAT'S ON?

5th NWR—Children's Books
5th 8 o'clock Club
5th Coffee morning—Library
9th Residents' Association meets
9th AGM—Rosie in Stitches
11th Farmland Birds—Wildlife Trust
16th AGM—Tennis Club
19th NWR—Planning
19th Parish Council meets
25th Duplicate Bridge—Taster
26th Royal British Legion meets
28th Children's Nearly New Sale. School

SEW & SEW

(formerly Julie`s Sewing Services)

Unit 1C Highgate Farm
Over Road
Willingham
Cambs TELEPHONE
01954 260280 or
MOB 07733 284959

HAPPY HOURS
The Recycled Youth Club

Despite the awful weather the Club has remained open, with 32 hardy members coming on 2 February, and back to normal after that, with thanks to the ladies in the kitchen who coped admirably. It just proves how important meeting places are to those on their own. Many have been too afraid to go out doors because of the dreadful state of the footpaths.

Remember the old adage about buses? Well, our old friend Len Sherman has also broken his hip and, after a successful operation, has been transferred to Brookfields near Dennis Holt. Both are recovering well, trying to get mobile again with help from the physiotherapists. Ouch!! I am pleased to say we have three new members, Gwen, Rita and Neville who are very welcome, as is anyone else who would like to join.

The Cambridgeshire Transport Commission is asking people's views and suggestions on improving transport around Cambridge. The website is www.cambstransportcommission.co.uk. In our view congestion charges were a definite NO but the A14 upgrade an urgent requirement. Our raffle this month raised £50.50 for the Arthritis Research Campaign, as requested by one of our members, but which affects many of us.

To put some cheer into the month, on the 25th 35 of us are going to have a pub lunch at Pulloxhill during a short visit to a garden centre. We are keeping it an all-indoor event. Trying something different and recycling, we are having a New or Nearly New sale on 2 March. If all goes well we could repeat this later in the year. Let's hope by then there is some spring weather in sight to join those brave little snowdrops which manage to shine through the snow.

Helen Collins
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CRICKET CLUB

Bar Hill players have shaken off the ring-rust and got back into action at their indoor nets, so before we know it the cricket season will be upon us. As well as three adult teams on Saturdays and one on Sundays, we will be running under-15 and under-12 teams this season.

Juniors can join for £15 per season, and there are no match fees. Details of training nights will be announced soon, but call the number below if you are interested.

For all members, indoor nets continue throughout March at the Perse School in Hills Road, from 9.30 to 11 am on Sunday mornings. The cost is £3 for adults and £1.50 for juniors. If anyone needs a lift, please contact the number below.

Details of fixtures and events will appear here in future issues, and don't forget to visit our website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk for the latest news.

Paul Stimpson
201212 (please note new number)

TABLE TENNIS

In Oakington we have a thriving Table Tennis Club. Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:30.

Come and enjoy the game—all standards welcome.

We are looking also, for players, to expand into a morning or afternoon sessions.

Contact Derek 01223 233368

Bar Hill Village Fête 2009
Open Meeting Monday 16th March
at 8 pm in the Parish Council Room

This will be an open meeting for everybody, including village groups, to come along and find out what we have planned so far for the Village Fête 2009.

We hope to be well supported by all village groups and businesses. This is your opportunity to come along and find out what we have organised so far. **It is important that a representative from each group comes along as this will be your only opportunity to register your interest in having a stall or display on the day.**

I hope to get individual letters out to all groups inviting you all along, but if I miss you please accept my apologies: it wasn't intentional.

If you are unable to come on the night but are interested in having a stall or manning an attraction that we have hired in, please contact me on 01954 200228 or email me at kirstengoodfield26@hotmail.com.

Photography Display at the Village Fete

We are hoping to put on a Photographic Display on Fête day. More details will follow in April's issue, but please start getting those photos ready. If you are willing to help with the organisation of the display or for more information please come along to the Open Meeting on Monday 16th March at 8pm.

Kirsten